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Briefly

Barbecue set

Masonic Triple Lodge 833 will hold a barbecue from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Masonic Temple, 2001 Street and Cleveland Boulevard. Meals will feature pork steaks, baked beans and potato salad. Cost is \$4.50 for a plate, \$3 for a sandwich or \$10 for a side of ribs.

Reunion slated

Willing Workers members and non-members will take part in a monthly meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday at the YMCA, 2001 Edison Ave. Final plans will be made for the group's 13th reunion at 5:30 p.m. May 8 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Parents upset

Prather Elementary School parents are upset over a redistricting plan which would transfer about 200 students to Wilson and Lake schools. An article appears on Page 3A.

Astronaut's talk

The type of man everyone looks up to? How about an astronaut, Lt. Col. Tom Akers? His public talk in Granite City is described on Page 5A of today's issue.

Weekend trips

Six weekend trips this summer and fall are being offered by the Granite City Park District. Destinations include Topeka, Kan., Hot Springs, Ark., Chattanooga, Tenn., New Glarus, Wis., Branson, Mo., and Nashville, Tenn. Details are on Page 6A.

Deaths

Anna Daniels
Seeka Krotoff
Hilda Sonnenberg
Mickey Mick
Charles Stinas Sr.
Charles Thomason

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Lottery

Results in Illinois were:
April 21: 7-11; Pick 4: 7-2-7
Little Lotto Game
02-05-08-11-15
Lotto Game
06-14-21-28-42-48
The jackpot was estimated at \$8 million.
April 20: 0-5-5; Pick 4: 7-4-4-4
April 18: 2-4-7; Pick 4: 7-1-1-0
Little Lotto Game
12-18-19-22-24
April 18: 9-3-5; Pick 4: 9-1-5-3
April 17: 6-4-1; Pick 4: 6-4-8-2
Lotto Game
13-14-38-45-46-50

75 years ago

April 23, 1918
The city council passed a resolution demanding a contractor return to work on the city's outlet sewer or be sued for the surety bond and the cost of completing the job. The contractor abandoned the job in a dispute over the wages for laborers.

Trivia

When did American Steel come to Granite City?

See Page 8A

Selph wins easily

Brown is distant 2nd

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Ron Selph emerged from a field of 10 candidates to claim a clear victory Tuesday in the Granite City mayoral race. Claiming almost a third of the vote, Selph outdistanced his nearest competitor, Alderman Dan Brown, by more than 1,000 votes.

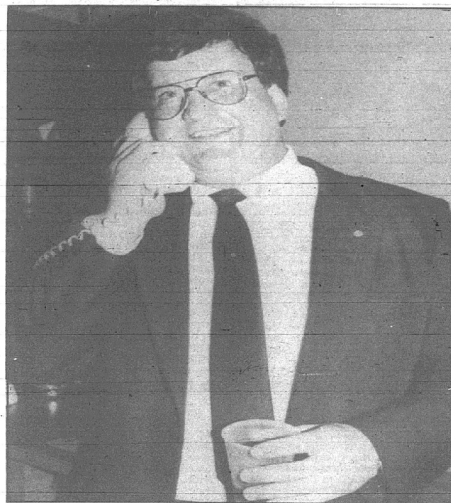
In the other citywide race, City Clerk Bob Stevens was re-elected to a seventh term. Selph garnered 3,361 of the 10,755 votes cast in the mayoral race, according to unofficial results from Madison County Clerk Evelyn Bowles.

The outcome was apparent early in the evening, as Selph won overwhelmingly in all five precincts to come in.

Brown captured 2,284 votes, or about 22 percent. Alderman Jeff Worthen finished just behind Brown with 2,115 votes, 21 percent of the total vote.

Neither Brown nor Worthen will return to the City Council, as both of their aldermanic terms expire May 4.

Worthen was followed by Walter Milton (9 percent), Alderman Paul Fisk (7 percent), Dan McGuire (4 percent), Archie Lupardus (2 percent), and James Bailey Sr. (1 percent). Selph has said that his first priority must be to "heal the wounds" caused by the hotly contested and often controversial election.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Ron Selph gets some good news, confirming his victory in the Granite City mayoral election Tuesday.

He said Tuesday night that he will immediately begin putting together a transition team to set up his administration. (See SELPH, Page 2A)

Bellcoff win bittersweet

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Madison Mayor John Bellcoff called his third-term victory Tuesday "bittersweet." "We worked hard for this victory and I'm very happy the majority of the people believed in me and gave me another four years as their mayor," Bellcoff said. "But I hated to lose so many good people."

Bellcoff, who defeated Alderman Jack Horn by only 51 votes, 583 to 532, was unwilling to acknowledge his own victory until nearly midnight Tuesday and watched the returns sadly as candidates on his slate lost.

the treasurer and all four aldermanic races. Independent mayoral candidate Tom Voloski received 72 votes.

In the treasurer's race, Frank Dutko, running with Hamm, defeated incumbent Treasurer Frank Kierski, who was running with Bellcoff.

Eleanor Armour, running with Hamm, defeated incumbent Alderman George Amisch, who was running with Bellcoff.

In Ward 2, independent candidate Ron Grzywacz defeated Ted Ostrega on Bellcoff's slate and Lester White on Hamm's slate.

In Ward 3, Hamm-backed as candidates on his slate lost.



John Bellcoff

Echols wins by 12 votes

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Venice Mayor Tyrone Echols was re-elected by only 12 votes Tuesday, holding off his challenger, Alderman Michael Terrell, 644 to 632.

"I'm happy with it," Echols said Tuesday night. "I don't see take a landslide to thrill me. I won, he didn't, and I don't see any reason not to be happy about that."

In Ward 1, the result Tuesday was a 92-92 tie between incumbent Alderman Phillip White, running as an independent, and Lena Bell, who was running with Echols. If the tie remains after the vote is canvassed, the win-



Tyrone Echols

ner will be decided by drawing lots.

In the other contested Venice City race, incumbent Alderman John Henry Williams, running with Echols, easily defeated independent candidate Earl Reed, 285 to 144.

In the Venice Township race, Andy Economy, a Madison alderman, handily defeated incumbent Supervisor Richard "Poppy" Patterson 68 percent to 32 percent. (See ECHOLS, Page 2A)

Five new aldermen elected

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Incumbent aldermen in Granite City faced well in Tuesday's election, with three of the four gaining re-election to the City Council.

Ward 1 Alderman Casmer Skubish, 2nd Ward Alderman Craig Tarpo, and 6th Ward Alderman Judy Whitaker all fended off challengers to re-capture their seats.

They were among eight aldermen elected Tuesday.

Ward 5 Alderman Ginny O'Beir was the only incumbent to lose. She was unseated by Eddie Asadorian.

In other aldermanic races, (See COUNCIL, Page 2A)

The results

These are unofficial results of the April 20 election:

Granite City		Venice Township	
Mayor		Supervisor	
Paul Fisk.....	714	Bob Vincent.....	403
Jeff Worthen.....	2,115	Mike Mack.....	402
Don McGuire.....	949	Linda McFarland.....	185
Archie Lupardus.....	178	Steve Vorkel.....	110
Don Brown.....	2,284	Assessor	
Joe McGuinness Sr.....	3,361	Andy Economy.....	1,684
Ron Selph.....	3,361	Richard Patterson.....	804
James Bailey Sr.....	87	Clerk	
Steven Bolling.....	51	Metro Pearson.....	1,301
Treasurer		Donald Turner Jr.....	1,104
Bob Stevens.....	4,147	Trustees (4)	
Roy Koborn.....	3,209	Charles Haynes.....	1,190
1st Ward (four-year term)		Bobbie Mosby.....	1,236
Casmer Skubish.....	698	Tax Collector	
Shirley Valencia.....	601	Jo Ann Lucas.....	1,456
2nd Ward		Casey Krakowiak.....	690
William Weller Jr.....	175	Highway Commissioner	
Bobby Page.....	859	Robert Wiley.....	1,427
3rd Ward		Eddie Lee Salmond Sr.....	1,027
Virg Kamborian Jr.....	519	Assessor	
Craig Tarpo.....	871	Christ Pashoff.....	1,115
Terry John Zaringo.....	73	Ben Honorable.....	1,325
4th Ward		Sharon Cass.....	1,099
Nick Mitolovich.....	127	Joe Yeager Sr.....	793
Nick Petrillo.....	686	John Piechocinski.....	708
Tom Nash.....	115	Joseph J. Asperger.....	752
5th Ward		Katrice Pichard.....	723
Foster Frederick.....	592	F. Craig Garret.....	1,013
Emerald Doves.....	561	Ruby Johnson.....	995
Bob Bell.....	387	Nameoki Township	
6th Ward		Supervisor	
Eddie Asadorian.....	517	Irene Korlechik.....	949
Ginny O'Beir.....	266	Kan Davis.....	1,036
Brenda Whitaker.....	158	Loa Whitsett.....	539
Gary Barnstable.....	52	Clerk	
7th Ward		Judy K. Merritt.....	533
Judy Whitaker.....	955	D. Lee Ridgeway.....	793
Brad Evanson.....	830	Helen M. Hawkins.....	1,090
8th Ward		Assessor	
Kim Affolter.....	567	Jim Noeth.....	952
Alan Milton.....	352	Carl Macdonald.....	1,124
Don Hoffman.....	247	Bob Berhelme.....	761
Don Patney.....	247	Collector	
Madison		Shirley Harper.....	1,021
Mayor		Jeannette Wilson.....	987
John Bellcoff.....	863	Peggy Lochmiller.....	742
John W. Hamm III.....	812	Loren Madison.....	1,040
Clerk		Wm. Bill Ellis.....	979
Wm. "Bill" Woldner.....	863	Harry Butch.....	776
Tom M. Cromer.....	735	Trustees (4)	
Treasurer		Charles Lushmont.....	1,388
Frank J. Kierski.....	793	Charles Reed.....	928
Frank Dutko.....	638	Joseph Garcia.....	962
1st Ward		Harold "Gene" Briggs.....	1,187
George Amisch.....	161	Steve Isenbarg.....	860
Eleanor L. Armour.....	216	Sam Sloanoff.....	813
2nd Ward		Wade Collins.....	884
Theodore "Ted" Ostrega.....	171	Alphonse "Al" Nance.....	745
Lester E. White Sr.....	141	Charles "Buddy" Fowler.....	759
Ron Grzywacz.....	227	Randy Ballew.....	843
3rd Ward		Harry Andrews.....	807
Harold Christian.....	170	Chouteau Township	
Mike Vrabec.....	335	Supervisor	
4th Ward		Pat Pollay.....	750
Charles Rockett.....	126	Mike Carter.....	473
James E. Newsome Sr.....	153	Morris Miles.....	478
Venice		Barbara Overton.....	871
Mayor		Kathy Schilling.....	772
Tyrone Echols.....	644	Assessor	
Michael Terrell.....	632	David Clements.....	957
Clerk		Donald Hamilton.....	695
Wilbert Glasper.....	860	Jimmie Hendrix.....	837
Treasurer		Mel Simpson.....	790
Alan Ganes.....	861	Highway Commissioner	
1st Ward		Jim Franko Sr.....	664
Lena Bell.....	92	Robert G. Douglas.....	523
Phillip White.....	92	Odys Butby.....	509
2nd Ward		Trustees (4)	
John Henry Williams.....	285	Robert Lockrone.....	843
Bill Reed.....	144	Leroy Stark.....	864
3rd Ward		Jim Bailey.....	842
John "Dicky" Ervin.....	231	Floyd Jordan Jr.....	759
Henry Fletcher.....	273	Jim Eich.....	685
Granite City Township		Juanita Barnes.....	770
Supervisor		Greg Harper.....	674
Nellie Hegmann.....	7,600	Dudley Luebbert.....	790
Assessor		GC Park District	
Darlene Loub.....	6,733	Commissioners	
Pentagon Beach		George H. Sykes.....	8,233
Trustees		Venice Park District	
Marvin Ribbing.....	302	Commissioners (3)	
Kerry Ervay.....	298	John Slas.....	470
Bob Douglas.....	251	Harold Wilson.....	656
Bob Abel.....	407	Linda Thorpe.....	409
GC Library District		Ricky Williams.....	529
Trustees (2)		William Tyler Jr.....	514
Kathy Schilling.....	7,892	GC Library District	
Ronald Coleman.....	6,949	Trustees (2)	
Denotes incumbent winners		are in boldface type	

Edgar helps steel plant celebrate opening

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

American Steel Foundries doesn't want to be the best in United States — it wants to be the best in the world.

That attitude is the reason Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar said the state is willing to spend \$355,000, and make a total commitment of \$2 million over the next two years, to train employees at American Steel's Granite City Works.

"We want Illinois industry to engage in competition, not with other states, but with the entire world," Edgar said. "To compete in world markets today requires intelligent workers with the training and skills in all aspects of the job in order to

make world-class products." Edgar was in Granite City on Wednesday for the official re-opening of ASF's Granite City facility. He was welcomed by ASF President Norm Berg and Granite City Works director Bill Donovan.

Berg said American Steel has invested more than \$14 million in upgrading the Granite City facility in the past few years and is in the process of a \$9 million upgrade of the molding facility that will allow the Granite City facility to produce the entire line of ASF products.

The Granite City plant currently makes side-frames and bolsters for the wheel assembly of rail road cars. New products to be produced at Granite City include railroad car coupling units, fifth wheels

for trucks and number of other cast-steel products for railroad cars.

Berg and Donovan thanked Granite City Mayor Von Dee Cruse for help in making the reopening and expansion a reality.

Cruse, who worked as a pattern-maker in a steel foundry prior to going into the Army in World War II, said, "As many of you live here know, I only have nine more days on the job. I understand American Steel is looking for pattern-makers and I plan to pick up an application on the way out."

Cruse listed the re-opening and expansion of the plant as the highlight of a career filled with highlights and said it was a wonderful way to end his career in politics.

Berg and Donovan also thanked Buddy Davis, the recently retired District 34 director for the United Steelworkers of America, for his role in making the reopening and expansion possible.

Davis pointed out that the plant had closed in 1982, reopened in 1989 and then closed again in 1991 before reopening early this year.

"This reopening is permanent," Davis said. "This plant will no longer be the backup plant, the surplus plant. It will be the primary plant for all of American Steel's products."

Davis thanked Berg for deciding to make the Granite City facility the primary facility and selling the decision to the

(See PLANT, Page 2A)

Juvenile home renovation proposal beaten decisively

Madison County officials will be heading back to the drawing board to decide what to do with the dilapidated juvenile detention home.

Voters Tuesday nixed a 2-cent temporary tax to renovate the aging home and build an addition. The vote was 28,688 to 20,703, according to unofficial results from the County Clerk's Office.

County Board members had planned to renovate the existing home and build an addition for \$4 million to be paid for with the property tax hike.

"I don't know what to think. I'm at a loss," juvenile home Administrator Steve Bowker said late Tuesday.

Board members have been under pressure for

'I don't know what to think. I'm at a loss.'

— Steve Bowker
Home administrator

more than two years to improve conditions at the 24-year-old home, which is plagued by inadequate toilets, roof leaks and overcrowding.

The Illinois Attorney General's Office has threatened to sue the county if the problems are not resolved but has no set deadline.

Before Tuesday's vote, a special task force of

three County Board committees had agreed on a set of blueprints that called for renovating the existing 21-bed home and building an addition that would expand capacity to at least 32 beds.

However, the task force had no contingency plan if voters rejected the referendum.

At this point, it appears the board has several

options, including using some of the county's \$10.9 million surplus to pay for a new detention center.

The board could also decide to wait until the November ballot to put the question to voters again, though it is unclear whether the attorney general would be that patient.

The board could also decide to give up on the center altogether and shut it down, as a few members have suggested.

But the majority of the board appears unlikely to agree to such a proposal, given the enormous costs involved in transporting and housing juveniles in out-of-county detention homes. Juvenile home beds are scarce in Illinois.

Prather parents are upset over redistricting proposal

By Bob Stas
Staff writer

About 100 students marched, carrying signs and chanting "Leave us alone," outside Prather Elementary School at 7 Monday night as about 75 parents met with school district officials in the school cafeteria to discuss a proposed redistricting plan.

The proposal was the subject of a public hearing Tuesday prior to being voted on by the Granite City School Board. The hearing is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

It would affect about 200 students who reside in the downtown area, generally bounded by 15th and 23rd streets, Madison Avenue and the railroad tracks.

Instead of being bused to Prather, those students would attend either Wilson or Lake Elementary School next year.

School officials said the plan would better utilize classroom space in all three schools, make administrative responsibilities more equitable, and cost the district no additional funds.

But parents argued vehemently that a part-time assistant principal at Prather could solve any problems caused by overcrowding at the school, without disrupting the lives of the stu-

dents affected.

While most elementary schools in the district have between 300 and 500 students, Prather's enrollment this year has consistently hovered around 900.

The corresponding numbers at Wilson and Lake are 400 and 370, respectively.

Under the proposed plan, the projected enrollment at Prather would be 650, at Wilson would be 520, and at Lake would be 440.

The student-to-teacher ratio at the schools would remain about the same due to transfer of teachers.

School Superintendent Steve Balen said that any money the district spends on an extra administrator would have to be taken from \$92,000 earmarked for new science textbooks for 4,500 elementary students next year.

The district's current science texts are more than 20 years old, and state that many may one day walk on the moon.

But many of the parents argued that the redistricting plan is only a short-term remedy.

"Is this a permanent solution, or a short-term fix where our children are going to have to move again in a couple of years?" one parent asked.

Balen confirmed that the plan is only part of a larger plan that will be implemented over the next few years, as funds allow.

He predicted that the district would be facing a group of parents of Niedringhaus students at the same time next year, trying to convince them of the merits of redistricting.

Niedringhaus has more students than the building is designed to accommodate, Balen said.

Alderman Dan Partney, who attended the meeting and serves as the City Council representative for many of the families affected by the proposed plan, called the redistricting a "Band-Aid solution."

"I personally would like to see the district present the entire plan before the next election, state that Niedringhaus will be affected ... and let the School Board be held accountable to the voters," Partney said.

"We (parents and school officials) could probably work together ... if we could see the plan at once — not piecemeal."

Balen said he "couldn't agree more" with Partney, but that the availability of funds remains a variable.

8 to get free cataract surgery

A team of local ophthalmologists has something to give eight needy area residents: the gift of sight.

But they don't know yet who the recipients of that gift will be. Illinois Eye Specialists, Ltd., which has offices in Maryville and Granite City, is taking part in "Mission Cataract USA."

The event, which began in California in 1991, offers a day of free cataract surgery to people in need. Drs. E.A. Doisy, D.C. Schnellmann and W.Y. Chen will be performing the surgeries free of charge May 1.

To be eligible for the surgery, participants must go through a financial and medical screening. That screening will be held on Saturday at both locations by appointment only.

To schedule an appointment, call 288-4997.

Doisy learned about the program, which was started by Dr. Frederick Richburg, in a medical journal.

This is the first year that the program is nationwide with about 200 ophthalmologists at 100 clinics participating.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OMNI BANK

Amendment of Bank Charter

At the annual shareholders meeting held March 23, 1993, the shareholders voted to amend the bank's charter by increasing the capital stock from 70,000 shares to 80,000 shares subject to approval by the Commissioner of Banks and Trust Companies. Approval was granted on April 5, 1993.

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 SAT: Spaghetti with Sauce, Beef Tips with Rice, Deep Fried Batter
 SUN: Fish (Ahi), Fiddler Catfish (PM), Liver & Onions, Chicken
 MON: Chicken, Baked Lasagna, Sirloin Tips, & Baked Ham
 TUE: Baked Ham, Chicken, Roast Beef, Chicken & Dumplings



(Staff photo by PAM DOERKHURD)

Poster winners — Area third graders competed in the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce's annual poster coloring contest for Stash the Trash. Winners received \$50 savings bonds donated by area financial institutions. Winners from left in the front row are Shawn Lewis, Lake School; William Kutsky III, St. Elizabeth School; Katie McFain, Holy Family School; Chris Schneide, Prather School; Mindie Whitsell, Maryville School; Josh McCoy, Parkview School; and Yakira Maynard, Blair School. In the back row are R.C. Bush, executive vice president of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce, and Barb DuVal of Central Bank. The posters are on display at area businesses.

Haine: City inspections prohibited

Madison County has no authority to inspect restaurants in Alton, Granite City or other incorporated areas unless it first sets up a health department, a top county official said.

In an opinion issued Monday, Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine said state law prohibits the county from regulating restaurants in cities and villages without a county health department.

The opinion, which Haine gave after inquiries from several county board members, could put plans for countywide restaurant inspections on hold, since there appears to be little support among board members for a

health department.

"It is not what I anticipated at all. We'll have to try something else, I guess," said board member Bob Stille, who last week suggested hiring a sanitary inspector to monitor food preparation and storage at 1,400 establishments throughout the county that serve food to customers and school children.

However, Stille is not in favor of a health department and has vigorously opposed previous attempts to establish one.

As chairman of the County Board's Health Institutions Committee, Stille has considerable say in whether proposals for new public health programs make it

to the full county board.

He conceded Haine's opinion would force him back to the drawing board.

"I'm not sure what we'll do. I'm not giving up, though."

A county inspector could regulate restaurants in unincorporated areas, Haine said, but Stille said it probably wouldn't be worth the cost.

"There just aren't that many restaurants in the unincorporated parts of the county," Stille said.

Last week's call for restaurant inspections was in part the result of hepatitis cases at an Alton fast-food restaurant.

— From the Alton Telegraph

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ATTENTION GRANITE CITY RESIDENTS BRUSH PICK-UP

Brush should be placed at curb side by: **Monday, April 26**

Area for week 4 is:
 Behind Mill, 14th St. to 20th Street, Lincoln Place, West Granite

April 26th is the last week for Area 4. The City of Granite City will resume Brush Pick-up October 4, 1993.
 OTHER DESIGNATED AREAS TO FOLLOW.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
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Opinion

Editorials

Focusing on city's future

In the months prior to the April 20 election the Press-Record/Journal carried numerous stories concerning the retirement of then-assistant police chief Ron Selph. But today, the former police officer is Mayor-elect Ron Selph. Throughout the campaign, Selph was somewhat responsive to our requests for information concerning the agreement that led to his retirement, even though some of his responses were "It is outrageous. ... Now they want to try me in the newspaper."

He called the timing of the release of information about the agreement "blatantly political." He ran a newspaper advertisement that suggested the media and the City Council were teaming up to cloud the issues of the race and attack his candidacy. The paid political cartoon questioned whether the "attack" was "a legal play." Selph was quite successful in getting his message across, as 33 percent of the voters on Tuesday decided he was the best man in the field. Getting that strong vote of support from the City Council may be a bit more difficult.

In pre-election endorsement interviews and at a debate by mayoral candidates, Selph answered a question about getting cooperation from the City Council by saying that, after he was elected, he would have to work to "heal the wounds." The heat of the 10-person race for mayor in Granite City has left some significant scars throughout the community and repairing those abrasions may take a while. That miracle must include a focus from the mayor, council, media and residents to work specifically for what is best for the city of Granite City. That doesn't mean that the entities are not allowed to disagree but that, through completely open communication, everyone will need to have the opportunity to base decisions on the facts.

If there are factually-based, open-minded decisions, they can lead Granite City in the direction everyone wants to see it go.

Musical greats, 92 and 96, recalled

Carol Clarkin writes this weekly column for the *Edwardsville Journal*.

Two notables of the music world, both nonagenarians, left us their Long Home earlier this month.

Each of them left a legacy in their respective — and very different — fields of the art which they had written the lyrics to Hoagy Carmichael's "Star Dust" — the most recorded song ever written (at least 1,300 times), to say nothing of having been translated into 30 languages.

The song, composed in 1927, didn't even have lyrics for two years — Parish hadn't liked it originally, but changed his mind in 1929 when he heard a recording of the song.

He wrote not just the words for the classic "Star Dust," but dozens of the pop standards which continue to be performed. How about "Sweet Lorraine" and "Deep Purple" and "Sophisticated Lady"? "Moonlight Serenade," "Don't Be That Way," "Stars Fell on Alabama" and "Sleigh Ride"?

Parish provided lyrics to the compositions of Duke Ellington and Glenn Miller, Carmen and Benny Goodman and Leroy Anderson — and most of us didn't know his name. That's a shame, because some of those lyrics were sheer poetry.

Marian Anderson, on the other hand and on a personal level, I will never forget. Arturo Toscanini, the great conductor, once told her, "You're a voice such as one hears once in a hundred years. You are the greatest singer alive."

My expertise in this area is limited, as are my qualifications as a music critic, but I know where Toscanini was coming from. I heard Marian Anderson once, in concert, in 1936 or '37 and, lack of expertise or not, young as I was, I knew I was hearing a truly great voice.

In those mid-Depression years in Jacksonville, MacMurray College offered an annual lecture series at minimal cost. A lot of our parents, wishing to expose their young to the limited cultural events offered locally, saw to it that we had season tickets, but there were two concerns I remember vividly — the Don Cossack Chorus, very big stuff at the time and marvelous voices, and Marian Anderson.

There was no show-biz glitz in the concert. The Dunlap had a great dignity, didn't speak to us.

She sang, a mixed concert of German lieder, a couple of operatic arias, several songs of Scott Joplin, and closed the concert, as she always did, with a spiritual, "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child." That song, and her singing of "None But the Lonely Heart" were unforgettable.

The occasion of her Jacksonville concert was also imprinted on my young mind because, during those years, it seemed to be a precursor of the well-known incident in 1939 when the Daughters of the American Revolution refused to rent Constitution Hall in Washington to Miss Anderson for a concert. First lady Eleanor Roosevelt arranged for her to sing at the Lincoln Memorial before 75,000 people.

There was no problem in Jacksonville about the hall in which she was to sing; the problem was her housing during the brief stay. At the time, the Dunlop Hotel was THE hotel where visiting artists stayed, the city's other two hotels being a bit on the shabby side. At the last minute, the Dunlap management notified MacMurray that they would be unable to accommodate Miss Anderson because of her color. This in a town where schools were integrated, where residents boasted of the two houses which had once been part of the Underground Railroad and whose other college, Illinois College (the oldest in the state), was closely associated with the New England Beecher family.

There was no problem in accommodating Miss Anderson, of course. She was a guest in the home of MacMurray's president, Dr. Clarence McClelland. Shortly thereafter, the Dunlap had a new manager.

As a result of the Constitution Hall refusal of Miss Anderson, Mrs. Roosevelt resigned her membership in the B.A.C., although the organization claimed that the date for the concert was already booked. Eleanor Roosevelt believed it to be discrimination and I suspect she was right. It happened a lot in those years.

Local support is aiding USO mail

TO THE EDITOR:

Once again, outstanding support from every part of the country made the recent completed Christmas and Valentine mail programs tremendously successful. This past Christmas, bundles of friendly cards and letters were sent to more than 1,000 units, bases, and support locations (such as other USOs, Armed Services YMCA's and hospitals) all across the U.S. and around the world.

A special thanks to Melissa Elliott, Granite City, who was in the top 5 Illinois individuals, and to Niedringhaus Elementary, Granite City No. 2 nationally in the 1992 Christmas Mail Call.

Interested readers may learn how to help boost the morale of our service men and women at more than 1,000 places all across the U.S. and around the world by sending a first-class postage stamp (return envelopes cannot be used — just the stamp to cover postage) to: USO MAIL CALL, P.O. Box 608, Fort Knox, Ky. 40121-0068. A copy of the next information folder will be sent when published later in the year.

PETE MOREHEAD, National director, USO Mail Call

PRISON OVERCROWDING IN ILLINOIS

THE PROBLEM:

GO DIRECTLY TO JAIL



THE SOLUTION?

GET OUT OF JAIL, FREE



Consumers deserve plain-language contracts

(By Illinois State Treasurer Pat Quinn)

Have you ever read a contract that you fully understood?

When you see words like "herewith" and "aforementioned," do you read on with interest or do you skip to words you understand clearly? Jargon like this complicates legal documents and discourages consumers from reading and understanding important contracts. That's why I am pushing for enactment of the Plain Language Act of 1993.

It shouldn't take a lawyer to read simple documents that consumers sign every day.

The Plain Language Act would require consumer contracts such as leases, mortgages, insurance policies, credit card agreements and automobile sales contracts to be written in simple, easy-to-understand language.

I have pursued this legislation for the last two years, only to meet with disappointment. So this year, I contacted local governments to suggest that communities place a plain English

advisory referendum on the local election ballots.

Eighteen communities are voting on such proposals this spring. Voters in these communities can help prod the legislature to act in the best interest of consumers and pass the bill.

A common-sense reform like the Plain Language Act should be easy to pass, but not in Illinois. What special-interest groups in Illinois would want to keep words, legal gobbledygook in the law of the land?

In the past two years, insurance, realty, retail, banking and lawyer groups have banded together to lobby against earlier bills. Their excuse was that a plain-language law would increase litigation.

Does that make sense to you? When both parties of a contract fully understand the terms, there is a smaller likelihood that one will take legal action against the

other.

New York passed the first plain-language bill more than 15 years ago. Midwestern states such as Wisconsin, Indiana, Minnesota and Ohio also have a plain-language law on the books. In total, 29 other states have enacted plain-language laws.

Sponsors of the Plain Language Act of 1993 are Sen. Tom Dunn, D-Joliet, Rep. Louis Lang, D-Skokie, and Rep. Dennis Berggren, Waukegan. Each is a lawyer. Each believes, as I do, that it is important for consumers to be fully informed. It is your right.

New York's Sullivan Law has helped consumers tremendously. Consider this comparison from standard leases in New York and Illinois:

New York — "The landlord and tenant agree to lease the apartment at the rent and for the term stated."

Illinois — "In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein, the lessor hereby leases to lessee, and lessee hereby leases from lessor for a private dwelling the apartment

together with the appurtenances thereto, for the above term."

In a standard New York lease, the description of a repair is covered in 54 words, making up four sentences. In Illinois, it takes one 413-word sentence to complete the same description. The law we propose is not punitive. Unlike other states that enforce penalties ranging from \$50 to \$1,000, we call for no penalties.

Our purpose is to reform existing standards. We want to reduce the amount of unnecessary technical and legal jargon. We want consumer contracts to contain clearly labeled sections.

We want consumers to be informed. After all, consumers have the right to know what they are signing when they enter into an agreement.

There is no reason why contracts can't be written in clear and coherent language, using commonly understood words.

In plain English, Illinois needs to pass the Plain Language Act of 1993 — now.

Letters

BAC has quality and affordability

TO THE EDITOR:

April is Community College Month. It's a safe bet that you won't be receiving a greeting card wishing you a "Happy Community College Month."

But, still, the founding principle behind Belleville Area College is that quality higher education is an affordable price. Many people take the community college system for granted, but not too long ago a college education was a privilege enjoyed by only a select few.

Although Belleville Area College started in 1946, it was not until 1986, with the passage of the Illinois Junior College Act, that such institutions were authorized throughout the state.

Although our mission — to provide quality education at an affordable price — remains unchanged, the educational needs and composition of our student body have changed greatly since that time.

Back in 1965 when the Illinois Junior College Act was passed, America's heavy industries provided well-paying jobs for high school graduates. But since that time, we have witnessed the decline of the computer age and a major shift toward a service-oriented economy.

Good jobs for high school graduates are few and far between. We live now in an age of specialization.

While traditional-age students — those recently graduated from high school — still account for the majority of credit hours generated at BAC, the average age of our students has climbed to 31.

Our student population has aged as working men and women return to the classroom to update their skills or acquire new ones.

Some progressive companies, in fact, now encourage their employees to cross-train — to learn a variety of skills so they can fill multiple positions within the company.

It benefits the company by creating a pool of multi-talented employees who can respond to demands within different segments of the firm. It benefits the employee by providing added job

security. We also take pride in another development over the past few years. More and more, Belleville Area College is becoming a "first-choice" college.

Students and their families are recognizing that quality and affordability go hand-in-hand at BAC.

When the evaluators from the North Central Association last month recommended a 10-year re-accreditation for BAC, they made special mention of our capable, dedicated and caring faculty.

They maintain the highest standards in classroom instruction, enabling our graduates to transfer to prestigious four-year institutions throughout the nation.

On behalf of our trustees, faculty, staff and administrators, I extend my sincere thanks to the residents of Community College District 522 for supporting us in our mission of providing quality education at an affordable price.

I encourage you, the residents, to visit one of our campuses — in Belleville, Granite City and Red Bud — to discover how we can help you prepare for a brighter future.

JOSEPH J. CIPPLI, Ph.D.
President,
Belleville Area College

Don't reverse branching rules

TO THE EDITOR:

Last November, the U.S. controller of the currency, the regulator for national banks, issued a ruling that, in effect, freed national banks from the branching restrictions in Illinois law.

As a result of that decision, national banks in Illinois can now branch anywhere they choose.

State banks, however, are subject to numerous and geographic restrictions, and in most Illinois counties, they may not place a branch within a mile of the main office of another bank.

The Illinois Senate now has the opportunity to consider two different bills that have been drafted to resolve this discrepancy.

The Illinois Bankers Association has initiated a bill (Senate Bill 389) which would restore parity between state and national banks by removing the current restrictions in state law.

The Community Bankers Asso-

ciation of Illinois has proposed a bill (Senate Bill 485) that would restore parity by undoing the effects of the controller's decision, so that national banks would again be subject to branching limitations in state law. To accomplish that, savings and loan institutions that have enjoyed statewide branching for 17 years.

We believe the General Assembly should support the IBA approach because it will restore parity without taking away branching rights that national banks and state-chartered S&Ls now have.

We also think it is progressive legislation because it will enable state banks to offer services in communities that they are currently not permitted to enter.

This, in turn, will make credit more accessible to consumers throughout Illinois.

We believe that community leaders would welcome this activity because of the boost it would give to local economic development efforts.

The controller of the currency has issued this ruling in many states besides Illinois. And in all those states, the result has been statewide branching for all financial institutions.

We believe that Illinois and the commercial banking industry should move ahead in that direction as well, rather than try to turn back the clock.

WILLIAM S. BADGLEY
Chairman of the board and chief executive officer, Magna Group Inc.

Poppy auction helping veterans

TO THE EDITOR:

We wish to thank all the area businesses and our friends for donating to the annual Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and Auxiliary 1399 "poppy auction," held on April 3.

The auction was a great success. All proceeds will go to help area veterans and their families.

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Family back
from Florida
vacation



Maxine
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Corrina Ann Wendel celebrated her first birthday Sunday at a party given by her parents, Ed and Debra Wendel, in their home, which was decorated with blue, pink and white streamers and pink, white balloons. The young honoree enjoyed opening her gifts while the guests were treated to home-made carrot cake, punch and ice cream. Then to everyone's delight, Corrina enjoyed eating her own small birthday cake.

Attending the party were her grandparents, Frank and Wilma Fior; Frank and Shirley Wendel; great-grandmother Irene Davis; Marvin Weidenmier; Marilyn Schooley; Bill Fior and son, Bill Jr.; Lori Wheeler; Robert Fior; and Eddie Jones.

The monthly bridge club meeting was held Monday evening in the home of Sylvia Massman. Present were Phyllis Billa, Joyce Javans, Karen Nelson, Donna Warren, Arla Ault, Nancy Choat, Belinda Meader. Refreshments were furnished by Arla Ault and she assisted the hostess.

Captain Brian Pickens and his wife, Kelly, have returned to their home in Bossier City, La., where Brian is assigned to the Barksdale Air Force Base. They spent Easter holiday with his mother, Carol Pickens, and his sister and family, Jim and Kelly Jouglood and daughter, Paige.

Phyllis Laster and daughter Frieda and grandchildren Steven, Rebecca and Jessica Bolling and Brande' Laster returned from a vacation in St. Augustine, Fla. They visited the San Marcos Fort, Lighthouse Museum, Ripley's Believe It or Not, the Space Center, Titusville and Daytona Beach.

Amanda Langston has returned to her home from Staunton, Mo., where she spent the Easter holiday visiting in the home of her son Joe and Carol Masters and grandchild Torrie.

The Phoebean Church of Calvary Baptist Church met on April 13 in the church. Rev. Moser opened the meeting with prayer requests for the sick, lost and for the revival. Ida Kilmer led in the prayer. Minutes were read and approved. Old business consisted of reading a Baptist Children Home letter. Grace Cruse made a motion and Irene Wilkinson seconded to send the boys in the Otto Williams Cottage a present as each one's birthday arrived. Ida Kilmer reported on the card ministry. An announcement was made for a Mother and Daughter Banquet at the Township Hall on May 6. Phoebean Church will be responsible for three prizes for the banquet. Irene Wilkinson gave a devotional about a "cave in," which was very interesting. Rev. Moser asked the blessing and closing prayer. Grace Cruse served a delicious dessert to Loraine Wantland, Henry Moser, Phyllis Knight, Irene Wilkinson, Luella Probes, Thelma Phelps, Ida Kilmer, Della Stephens and Mary Alice Weiss.

The April meeting of Lydia Circle of the Nameoki United Methodist Church was held in the home of Pat Baumberger, who gave the blessing. After a delicious dessert, the president, Mary Bailey, opened the meeting. Secretary and Treasurer reports were given and approved. Dorothy Ashford, in charge of the greeting cards, reported mailing two birthday cards and one get well card. Millie Clements gave the devotion on an article, "Responsibility Yours." Improve One Another through Prayer, the Lesli Coin lesson was read by Ruby Gunderson. Tarah Erney read "How to Get up, when You are Down." Think, Positive and Down. "The Gift of Friendship," was given by Mary Bailey, members present were Louise Holton, Marie Long, Mary Bailey, Ruby Gunderson, Pat Baumberger, Dorothy Ashford, Mary Isenbarg and a new member, Irene Key. The meeting was closed by holding hands and saying the "Lord's Prayer" in unison.

Astronaut describes adventures in space

By John J. Winkelman
Staff writer

Lt. Col. Tom Akers is the type of man everyone looks up to.

Twice in the past three years, Akers has been as high as 300 miles up, orbiting the earth in a NASA space shuttle.

On April 2, he landed in Granite City to inspire a crowd of about 400 with the story of his adventures at the Rotary Club's Area Mayors' Prayer Breakfast at Township Hall.

Akers' first shuttle flight was in October 1980 when the crew launched the spacecraft Ulysses on a four-year mission to explore the north and south poles of the sun.

Though few will remember that trip, many will recall his second journey into space when Akers and two other NASA astronauts captured by hand a stranded international telecommunication satellite.

Akers said that, in the interest of keeping separate religion and government, he didn't expect that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration would allow him to accept the Granite City engagement.

"I was surprised it was approved because of the Christian flavor of the affair," Akers told the crowd. "They said that, as long as I told you something about space, it would be OK."

He explained that as a Christian himself he found the assignment easy to take. He added that he has speaking engagements once or twice a month.

A question he said he is frequently asked deals with his most memorable experience in space.

He said he would have answered that trying to use the restroom the first time was memorable, but added that he knew there were reporters in the audience and was afraid it would show up in the newspaper.

"A most memorable experience is when you can close your eyes and be there again," Akers said.

The quick answer is the satellite rescue on the space walk, he said. But he went on to explain there was more to the story than what was on the evening news.

"We trained for about a year. We spent a lot of time training in a large pool underwater," he said, "trying to simulate the effect of weightlessness, he said."

Akers went from small town to space

Tom Akers is a lieutenant colonel in the United States Air Force. He was born May 20, 1951, in St. Louis, but grew up and was educated in Eminence, a small town in south central Missouri.

He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Missouri at Rolla and was a high school principal at Eminence for four years before he joined the Air Force in 1979.

He was accepted for the NASA space program in 1987 and, after a year of training, he became an astronaut in 1988.

Special awards he has received include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Commendation Medal, and Achievement Medal.

He was named distinguished graduate of the Air Force Officer Training School, Squadron Officer School, and Test Pilot School.

He is the father of a 17-year-old son and 12-year-old daughter. He enjoys hunting, fishing, softball, basketball and spending time with his family. He is the nephew of Granite City resident Alice Oxford.

"When we got up into space, it didn't turn out to be that simple," he said.

The training exercise had reduced the weight of the satellite from 5,000 pounds to nine pounds and the shuttle's remote control arm used less than five pounds of pressure to lock into place.

But in space the 9,000-pound satellite weighed nothing and the capture bar kept pushing the device rather than retrieving it.

For two days, the shuttle pilot maneuvered to the satellite but the same problem left them unsuccessful.

A day of planning left them with the

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Lt. Col. Tom Akers in uniform



(Staff photo by Pam Doepke-Hurd)

Lt. Col. Tom Akers, right, signs an autograph for Madison High School student Kara Miller.



By Pam Doepke-Hurd.

Jermaine Ware

Joi Woodfork

Portia Johnson

De'Lora McDonald

Tammy Dillon

YOUTH FOCUS: If you were elected mayor of your community what is the first thing you would do?

Jonathan Galbreath, Granite City
"The first thing I'd do if I was elected mayor would be to abolish the curfew. Sometimes when I watch MTV I see teens outraged by proposed curfews, but they don't realize many towns have curfews. I think ones should be decided by ones parents and not a few conservative community leaders. It is a violation of my civil rights. To get in trouble for being out at a certain time sounds to much like a prison. Are we really the land of the free? As a matter of fact, the United States of America ranks 7th in civil right freedoms."

Shelby Justice, Granite City
"If I were to be mayor of my community I would make black history a required subject in my high school. Next I would put security guards at every other entrance in the school. Then build a night club for teenagers. I would then build an amusement park for young kids. I would let prayer be in school if the students want it."

Chad Wozniak, Granite City
"If I were elected mayor of our community, I would have a stronger recycling program. I would also destroy the old buildings downtown and replace them with new ones. I would lower the taxes on luxury items. One other thing I would do is get an open gym for kids to play basketball or anything else at any time they wanted to."

Lauren Mosby, Granite City
"If I were elected mayor of this community I would make black history a required subject in my high school. Next I would put security guards at every other entrance in the school. Then build a night club for teenagers. I would then build an amusement park for young kids. I would let prayer be in school if the students want it."

Chad Miner, Granite City
"If I was mayor of Granite City, the first thing that I would do is form a committee to decide on how to get rid of the vacant buildings."

Jermaine Ware, Venice
"I would have a better police force and firemen and protect the streets more closely and build more homes and shelter for people who have no where to live."

Tammy Dillon, Venice
"The first thing I would do is examine and compare everything that's wrong with the city, including the things that need to be improved, such as public areas and facilities. I'd then write up all of the major plans for the improvements that would need to be done."

Joi Woodfork, Venice
"If I were elected, the first thing I'd do is clean up my community. Help the community come together because people are what makes a community special. Then I'd take care of those who can't take care of themselves. I would organize a volunteer program to repair old houses to make good use of them."

Portia Johnson, Venice
"I would turn all of the rundown buildings into day care centers for teen mothers who have to go to school, more convenient laundromats and a drug rehabilitation center."

De'Lora McDonald, Venice
"I would start by fulfilling the community needs by supplying homes and special needs for elderly people and giving them a better place to live. I would try to stop the drugs and violence in the community because that's the key to the community disturbance today. I would try to give everyone a chance to voice their opinion about what they want to do and how they want to make a change in the community. I would start activities for the children, start a nursing home system, give special needs to those who need help, feed the hungry, try to make everyone in the community as happy as possible, and make this community a better place to live."

Chris Greer, Madison
"First thing I would do is turn over all police force control to the Illinois State Police. I would do this so that something would

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finally be done about the drug problem in Madison."

Athena Black, Madison
"As mayor, the first thing I would do is begin improvements in law enforcement. Police officers in my town have grown lazy."

Allen Bloodworth, Madison
"As mayor, the first thing I would do is hire more policemen and try to crack down on the drug problem. If there are more police, there will be less drug dealers."

Zach Hicks, Madison
"As mayor, the first thing I would do is inspect the city ordinance system to learn which laws were faulty or had loopholes. Then I would try to find ways either to have those laws changed or have them dropped altogether."

Jason Jones, Madison
"As mayor, the first thing I would do is to get the townspeople more involved with school activities. Students need to know that someone is out there wanting them to succeed and actively supporting them."

Kelvin Bursey, Madison
"As mayor, the first thing I would do is to stop racial violence. All men and women could be treated equally, and no one should be above the law, black or white."

Laticia Freeman, Madison
"As mayor, the first thing I would do is clean up this town. The streets have holes, there is trash on the streets, and drug dealers on the corner."

Patrick Spivey, Madison
"As mayor, the first thing I

would do is clean the city up. The people have to help us in doing so."

Dan Sipes, Madison
"As mayor, the first thing I would do is fix the city budget. I would fix it so that the roads and alleys can be cleaned up."

Bradley J. Lewis, Madison
"As mayor of this city, I would increase the number of police and give raises to cops who are already working for the city. I would also start up more work programs for young people and the unemployed. This would cut down on the high crime rate in this area by adding more supervisors and give people a way of earning money. I would also try to increase the small business population of the area."

Joshua Douglas, Madison
"As mayor, the first thing I would do is to help build the community. I will do this by having fundraisers. Also I will lower taxes because the fundraisers will take care of the funds."

Brunette Young, Madison
"As mayor, I would make more job opportunities for teenagers. I would ask Congress to release more money to keep youths out of gangs and of drugs."

Park District offering six weekend trips in summer, fall

The Granite City Park District will sponsor six weekend trips during the summer and fall months.

The first three-day trip will be May 14-16 to Topka, Kansas; it will include a Hallmark Card factory tour, chuckwagon meal with entertainment, a USO show, visit to the Harry S. Truman Library and several meals. On June 11, 12 and 13 is the trip to Hot Springs, Ark. The group will stay at one of the grand old hotels left in the world — the Arlington. Highlights of the area include a pottery factory, tour of Hot Springs, hands-on crystal mine where everyone mining will receive a genuine crystal, two evening shows and free time for anyone wanting to take a hot mineral bath.

In July, the trip is planned to Chattanooga, Tenn. That city boasts of a new aquarium that claims to be one of the best in the country. The trip, to be made on July 16, 17 and 18, also includes all the normal tourist spots such as Ruby Falls, Rock City Gardens, Incline Railway, Warehouse Row Designer Factory Outlet Center, and dinner and entertainment on the Southern Belle Riverboat.

August brings back the annual trip to New Glarus, Wis. to stay at the Chalet Landau. This year the group will travel to Janesville, Wis., on Saturday to a dinner-theatre that was highly recommended.

Branson, Mo., will be visited on Oct. 1, 2 and 3. This year for the first time three shows will be on the itinerary to include the

Osmond Family Show, the Oak Ridge Boys at the Grand Palace Theatre and the Wayne Newton Show.

On Dec. 3, 4 and 5 a trip will be made to Nashville, Tenn., again, due to the large number turned down last year. This trip proved to be outstanding and promises to be the same this year. Tickets have been obtained for the General Jackson meal and show and the Grand Ole Opry with many side trips added.

Three one-day trips are in the making with the dates to be announced later. California, Mo.; Bloomington; and Mount Vernon are the areas to be visited. Each location has new and interesting sights. And, of course, a good meal is always planned for Park District trips.

For more information, call Sue Champion at the Park District office, 877-3059, Monday through Thursday.

SIUE to honor 136 employees

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville will honor 136 employees at the annual service recognition reception, Thursday, April 29. The awards presentation will be held in the conference area of the University Center, beginning at 2 p.m.

To be recognized are employees who have completed 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service to the university.

Those being honored include: BELLEVILLE: Linda Eling, 10; Janet McReynolds, Constance Rockingham, 15; and Vance Wilson, 25. COLLINGSVILLE: Paulette Myers, 10; Mary Ringering, 15; Judith Bartel, Dennis Ringering, 20; Louis Bobka, 35. EDWARDSVILLE: Suzanne Eder, Gary Head, Sadegh Khazaeli, Norman Mattingly, James McClure, Norman Mueller, Yuk Chow, David Strickfaden, Alan Schubert, Marilyn Thiel, 10; Carol Ammon, Marcia Custer, Claudia Davidage, Paul Dresang, John Farley, Mary Ann Goldsmith, Toby Griffen, Norma Griggs, Frank Harrison, Donna Ireland, John Meisel, John Oltmann, Chris Oxford, Tamara Schlemer, 15; Rex Fernando, Paul Gardner Jr., Glenda Gunter, Raymond LaGarce, Duane Meyer, Joseph Munshaw, Charles Nelson, Willie Pyke, Samuel Smith, David Valley, 20; Wilma Bond, Jane Denny, Pamela Hinch, Ik-Ju Kong, Jan Mansker, Beverly McLain, Maxine Pakovich, M. Harvey Taylor, Robert Ziegler, 25; Richard Boedeker, David Huntley, Jean Kittrell, 30.

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS: Ann Carey, 25. FREEBURG: Raymond Wall, 15. GLEN CARBON: Gale Keeney, Paul Wanda, 10; Judith Pifer, Audrey Tallant, Mary Turner, 15; Frederick Noel, Karen Take, 20; Walter Bruder, 25. GRANITE CITY: Ronnie Burton, 10.



THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
Attorney At Law

When elderly widows and widowers remarry, the question often arises as to whether an individual should put his property in joint tenancy with his new spouse. Many people in this situation will want to take care of their spouse after their death, but they also want their children to ultimately inherit their property.

It is important to note that joint tenancy property passes to the survivor upon the death of the first joint tenant. Therefore, if the elderly widower remarries and places his real estate in joint tenancy with his new spouse, his new wife will receive the entirety of the property upon his death. She can then dispose of the property in any way she desires even if his will indicated his children should receive the property after her death.

In one recent case, a 65-year-old man had three children, all of whom were in their thirties. The man was a widower for ten years, and then he decided to marry a woman with two children by a prior marriage. He immediately placed the deed to his condominium in joint tenancy with his new wife.

Each then prepared a will indicating that the

surviving spouse was to enjoy the full benefit and use of this property when the first one died. They further indicated that when the surviving spouse died, the condominium was to pass in equal shares to their children. However, it is important to note that neither can control the disposition of this property from the grave. In other words, should he die first, the property would pass to his new wife according to the joint tenancy arrangement in the deed. She could then dispose of the property in any way she saw fit. She would not be obligated to pass the property on to his heirs at the time of her death even though his will indicated this was to be done.

One way around this situation would be for the man and his new wife to own property as tenants in common. In addition, they could each prepare a will giving the other a life estate in the property upon the death of the first. This would mean that when the first spouse died, the other spouse would be able to use the property for the balance of his lifetime. When the second one died, the property would then pass to the respective heirs of each spouse.

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idea to have three astronauts space walk and capture the satellite by hand. "Though three astronauts had never been on an EVA (extra-vehicular activity) at one time in the past on the ground, they found it did not create a safety problem."

Another question Akers said he is often asked is if he is afraid when he travels in space.

"I just give my life to the Lord and let Him worry about it," he said. "After constructing places to stand on the exterior of the shuttle, the three astronauts moved into place while the pilot guided the craft into position."

"It was very easy to move the satellite. This 9,000 pounds of mass doesn't weigh anything. It takes more force to close your gloves than to move the satellite," Akers said.

Though that may make it sound like it would be easy, every move made by one astronaut had to be countered equally by the others, he said.

After they captured the stranded device, they had to rotate it 120 degrees so it could be locked into place.

Adding to the difficulty of the task, he said, when you are orbiting the Earth the sun rises and sets 16 times a day, so

every 45 minutes it was dark again.

"We stood out there and held it for the better part of two hours. We turned it at the same speed a minute hand moves around a clock," Akers said.

That slow rate of rotation may have caused some people to question the procedure when viewed from afar.

"You all thought, 'they got it now and they don't know what to do with it.'"

After the satellite was put into the cargo bay and repaired, the three astronauts were in the air lock waiting for the satellite to be launched again.

He explained that, when something is launched from the cargo bay, the astronauts in the craft "feel a thump when it's deployed." Being on his second flight, he was familiar with the feeling.

"We were all very happy about what we had done. But in the next few instances all that changed," Akers said. The countdown proceeded but nothing happened.

The astronauts in the air lock had no idea what happened; they only knew what didn't happen.

They had just rescued and repaired and had in the cargo bay 9,000 pounds of "space junk" that could not be redeployed.

"At this point, you're making a lot of promises to the Lord," Akers said. "We went from ultimate success to ultimate failure in minutes."

The astronauts aboard the shuttle again went through the sequence of switches and proceeded with the countdown. But, again, no thump.

Back at Mission Control, they discovered that the switch sequence had been changed, but the delay in communication made the astronauts wait.

The third launch attempt did not have a countdown but the astronauts in the payload bay knew when it reached zero... the most memorable thing about Akers' trip into space.

"Knowing that your prayers were answered. The feeling of the thump when the satellite left the payload bay," Akers said.

He said it took about 20 minutes to calm down after the satellite left to do its work.

Akers said he turned to the other three astronauts and said, "In six months, I'm going to check on you on all those promises you made."

Akers' next mission aboard the Endeavor is scheduled for December 1993, when the crew will rendezvous with, repair and refurbish the Hubble Space Telescope.



Valerie Stevens plays the piano during the Area Mayors' Prayer Breakfast. (Staff photo by PAM DOEKE-HURD)

Bike trail offer made

By Martin Richter
Staff writer

The Madison County Transit District has offered to take over the Schoolhouse Trail project — a move that would save taxpayers in the Collinsville Area Recreation District, the village of Maryville and the city of Troy thousands of dollars.

The Schoolhouse Trail Alliance has been working for two years on the project, which would convert 10.7 miles of Norfolk & Western Railroad right of way into a bicycle and hiking trail.

The path runs from near Granite City at Illinois 203 along the north side of Horseshoe Lake State Park, south of State Aid 33, then north of Interstate 55/70 past Maryville.

State legislation passed last fall gives transit districts the authority to own and operate hiking and biking trails, said Jerry Kane, managing director of the Madison County Transit District. He said the MCT Board of Trustees passed a resolution in late January to become actively involved in doing just that.

Kane met two weeks ago with CARD's Building and Grounds Committee, and then last night with the Schoolhouse Trail Alliance, to talk about the possibility of MCT taking over the Schoolhouse project.

Kane and CARD Director Dick Dooley both said on Wednesday that neither the MCT board nor the CARD, Maryville and Troy boards have made any decision on whether to turn the project over to the transit district.

"I wrote a letter to Dick and his board to let them know that it was possible, and I underlined possible for Madison County Transit to be the developing agent," Kane said. "It was simply an offer."

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Astronaut Tom Akers speaking at the Area Mayors' Prayer Breakfast. (Staff photo by PAM DOEKE-HURD)

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Obituaries

Mickey Mick
Mickey Mick, 77, of Granite City, died at 5:02 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, 1993, at his residence. Born in Granite City, on Dec. 16, 1915, he had been a resident 49 years. He was employed as an electrician for more than 40 years at Laclede Steel in Madison, retiring in 1982. He was as World War II U.S. Army veteran and member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. Survivors include two brothers, George Mick of Glen Carbon, and Mike Mick of Lancaster, Pa., and two sisters, Ann Hogdson of Florida, and Elizabeth Pilec of Granite City. Arrangements are pending at Irwin Chapel in Granite City. Call 931-8000 for details. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Seeka Krotfch
Seeka D. (Popenkenko) Krotfch, 94, of Madison, died at 10:30 p.m. April 19, 1993, at University Manor, Edwardsville, where she had been a resident for nine years. She had been ill for one month.

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Funeral services

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

BALSAL, Elizabeth M. (Petras), 76, of Granite City, died at 5:57 a.m. Sunday, April 18, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Visitation was held Tuesday at Mercer Mortuary, Granite City. Mass was celebrated Wednesday at Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City, by the Rev. Tom Wise. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to Alzheimer's.

BELL, Charles K. Sr., 68, of Granite City, died at 9:35 a.m. Monday, April 12, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held April 14 at Warner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach, by the Rev. Willie Lucas. Burial was at Blue River Cemetery, Detroit, Ill. Memorials to the Lung Association.

FRICKER, Jack T., 94, of Granite City, died at 6:50 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 1993, at the Colonades Nursing Home. Visitation was held Sunday at Davis Funeral Home, Granite City. Services were held Monday at Nameoki United Methodist Church, Granite City, by the Rev. James Hahn. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Memorials to Nameoki United Methodist Church.

GIMPEL, Ronnie E., 36, of Pontoon Beach, died Wednesday, April 14, 1993, at Riverbend Nursing Home, Cahokia. Services were held Friday at Kurrus Funeral Home, Belleville, by the Rev. Robert Souders. Burial was at Lake View Memorial Gardens, Belleville. Memorials to Hospice of Southern Illinois or St. Matthew United Methodist Church, Belleville.

GREGG, Maria Rosa (Macias), 65, of Granite City, died at 12:14 a.m. Sunday, April 18, 1993, at Eden Retirement Center, Glen Carbon. Services were held at 9 a.m. today at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, by the Rev. Francis Tebanagua. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Masses are suggested as memorials.

GROMER, Ruby L. (Johnson), 74, of Granite City, died at 12:30 a.m. Saturday, April 17, 1993, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. Visitation was held Tuesday at Mercer Mortuary, Granite City. Her remains were cremated.

HARDY, Robert G. "Bob", 62, of Marine died at 1:46 p.m. Sunday, April 18, 1993, at St. Joseph Hospital. Visitation and Masonic

Born in Dranovo, Bulgaria, on Oct. 7, 1898, she had been a resident of Madison since 1921. She was a homemaker and choir member for more than 60 years at Holy Trinity Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church and member of St. Cyril of Method Eastern Orthodox Church. She was a founder of the Bulgarian Women's Society in Madison.

Survivors include her niece, Joy Brydon of Port Townsend, Wash. She was preceded in death by her husband, Domin Neno Krotfch. There will be no visitation. Funeral services are pending at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, by the Rev. Andrew Moulton officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Memorials are suggested for University Manor in Edwardsville.

Hilda Sonnenberg
Hilda Ruth (Thomen) Sonnenberg, 94, of Granite City, died at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, 1993, at Colonial Care Center, Granite City, where she had been a resident for five years. Born in Delaplane, Ark., on June 30, 1908, she had been a resident of Granite City for 15 years. She was employed more than 20 years as a factory worker at Wagner Electric Company in St. Louis, retiring in 1974. She was a member of Church of Christ in Granite City.

Survivors include three brothers, Basil Thomen of Wayahachic, Texas, William Thomen of Paragould, Ark., and Jack Thomen of Delaplane; and sister, Alice Deatherage of Mitchell. She was preceded in death by

her parents, William E. and Pearl M. (Davis) Thomen; and brother, Mark Thomen, who died December 1991.

Arrangements are pending at Irwin Chapel in Granite City. Call 931-8000 for details. Burial will be in Stone Ridge Cemetery, Delaplane.

Visitation will begin at 3 p.m. today, Thursday, at Kassy Colonial Mortuary, 9990 St. Clair Ave. Fairview Heights, where services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Louis Mattea officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Mo.

Charles-Stimac Sr.
Charles Anthony Stimac Sr., 75, of Granite City, died at 12:55 a.m. April 20, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where he had been a patient for one month. He had been ill for one month.

Born in Granite City on Dec. 21, 1917, he was a lifelong resident. He was a member of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where he had been a patient for one month. He had been ill for one month.

Anna Daniels
Anna C. (Buskirk) Daniels, 53, of Granite City, died at 12:02 a.m. Wednesday, April 21, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. Mrs. Daniels was born April 20, 1940, in Centerville. She was a member of State Park Assembly of God Church. She was a former nurse's aide at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville and worked at Colonial Haven Nursing Home in Granite City for 10 years.

Survivors include three sons, Brian, David and Carl F. Daniels, all of Granite City; four brothers, Luke Buskirk of Caseyville, Howard Buskirk of Troy, Leroy Buskirk of Mascoutah and Norman Buskirk of LaCrosse, Wis.; seven

also to a charity of the donor's choice.

SAN SOUCIE, Lillian V. (Hays), 72, of Granite City, died Friday, April 16, 1993. Services were held Monday at Mercer Mortuary, Granite City. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City 62040 or American Cancer Society.

SCHUETTE, Olga C. (Chizek), 75, of Breese, formerly of Venice, died Monday, April 12, 1993, at St. Joseph Hospital, Breese. Services were held April 14 at St. Dominic Catholic Church, Breese, by the Rev. Paul Harbaugh. Burial was at St. Rose Cemetery, Breese. Arrangements were by Brueggel Funeral Home, Breese.

STRAUBE, Gerald "Jerry", 64, of East St. Louis, formerly of Granite City, died Thursday, April 15, 1993, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. Services were held Monday at Herr Funeral Home, Granite City. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

TAWNEY, Jess H., 69, of Madison, died at 8:40 p.m. Friday, April 16, 1993, at DePaul Hospital in St. Louis. Visitation was held Monday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Services were held Tuesday at St. Mark's Catholic Church, Venice, Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

ZIMMER, Leona L. (Stethem), 71, of Granite City, died at 8:32 p.m. Monday, April 19, 1993, at Pacific Care Center, Pacific, Mo., where she had been a patient 10 days. Visitation was held Wednesday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, where services were held at 11 a.m. today by the Rev. Rose Hermonat. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Trivia

American Steel Inc. was incorporated under the laws of Illinois in April 1894 and ground was broken for its first foundry in Granite City in June of that year.

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sisters, Diane Poore and Colleen Smith, both of Collinsville, Brenda Buskirk of Centerville, Erma Heller of East St. Louis, Faye Tracy of O'Fallon, Carmen Bradshaw of Pevely, Mo., and Audrey Baker of Texas; and one granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her husband, James C. Daniels, who died Nov. 22, 1988; her parents, Luther and Minnie (Tomlin) Buskirk; and one brother, Adrian Buskirk.

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Bill targets prison overcrowding
MADISON COUNTY State's Attorney Bill Haine, who is against granting any more time off sentences and favors a massive state prison building program instead.

The bill would allow inmates who participate in substance abuse or prison industry programs to get a half-day off their sentences for each day spent in the programs. That would be in addition to the automatic day off for each day served that inmates already have if they don't violate prison regulations.

The extra credit would not be available for serious crimes such as murder or rape, but would be for the most serious Class X or violent felonies.

The bill would also expand the pool on inmates eligible to be released after completing four-month rigid boot camp programs, such as one now being operated in Greene County.

The current maximum age of 29 for participation would be raised to 35 and boot camps would no longer be limited to first-time felons.

The bill also would allow the Department of Corrections to

was a patternmaker for 35 years at American Steel Foundries and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Croatian Home and the Knights of Columbus. Survivors include his wife, Helen (Hartman) Stimac; two sons, Anthony Stimac and Charles Stimac Jr., both of Granite City; two daughters, Alice Murphy of Pennsylvania and Mary Jacobs of O'Fallon; two brothers, Stanley Stimac of Glen Carbon and Rudy Stimac of Madison; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Mary (Mance) Stimac, and a brother, Louis Stimac.

Visitation was held Wednesday, at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus, Granite City. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. today at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Madison. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Charles Thomason
Charles David Thomason, 89, died Saturday, Feb. 20, 1993, in Tennesse, where he was Mayor of Patterson

for nine years and retired from Teamsters Local 525 in Alton.

Survivors include four sons, James Edward Thomason of Alton, Mo., Charles Aron Thomason of Tarkio, Mo., Russell Dale Thomason of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Kenneth David Thomason of Washington; five daughters, Betty Billicof of Venice, Georgia, Berget of Holly Hill, Fla., Janellu Reynolds of Hartford, Mary Jo Stratton of O'Fallon, and Leann Campbell of Owensville, Mo. adopted daughter, Geniva Tidwell of Granite City; 43 grandchildren; 86 great-grandchildren; and 29 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby May (Johnson) Thomason, whom he married Dec. 17, 1922, who died March 2, 1985; and parents, Charles A. and Leann (Graham) Thomason, two sons, Wayne Thomason and an infant son; four grandchildren; and a brother, Hershel Thomason.

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Mr. and Mrs.
Philip Karius

Karius-
Archer

Cory Lyn Archer and Philip Scott Karius were married Aug. 15, 1992, at Nameoki United Methodist Church, Granite City, by the Rev. Jamie Hala.

The bride is the daughter of Eric and Sue Archer of St. Louis and the groom is the son of Philip and Glenda Karius of St. Louis.

The maid of honor was Cindy Jeffries of Granite City. Bridesmaids were Pam Nolan, Tina Sticker, Sharon Lane and Tanya McMillan, the latter a cousin of the bride. Junior bridesmaid was Heather McMillan, also a cousin of the bride.

The best man was Clifford Karius of St. Louis, brother of the groom. The groomsmen were Steve Pierson, Marty Hernandez, Philip Fazio and Dave Sikorski. Junior groomsmen were Eric McMillan, cousin of the bride.

Ushers were Kyle Archer of Granite City and Terry Rollins of Chicago, both uncles of the bride.

The flower girl was Hanna Schenewerk. The ringbearers were Kyle Eric Archer and Kale Hutchings, both cousins of the bride.

Guestbook attendant was Rochelle O'Leary. Cake cutters were Kayla Hutchings and Marlene McMillan, both aunts of the bride.

A reception was held at Engelbert Hall in Madison.

After a wedding cruise to western Caribbean islands, the couple resides in St. Louis.

The bride is a 1987 graduate of Granite City High School and is employed by National Steel Corp. in Granite City in the Financial Department.

The groom is a 1981 graduate of Roosevelt High School in St. Louis and is employed by Jim Ridings Construction Co. of St. Louis as a construction worker.



Mr. and Mrs.
James Foutch

Foutch-
Roberts

Christina Marie Roberts and James David Foutch were married on March 13, 1993, at the Lewis and Clark Chapel in Godfrey.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roberts of Granite City.

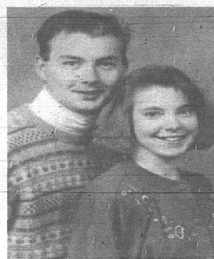
The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bartlett of Brighton and Mr. and Mrs. James Foutch of East Alton.

The maid of honor was Pam Roberts, sister of the bride. The bridesmaid was Cindy Hook.

The best man was Gary Koenig and the groomsmen were Scott Blaza. Ushers were Jim Powell and Patrick Bartlett, a brother of the groom.

Kelly Roberts, niece of the bride, was the flower girl. A reception was held at the Moose Lodge in Wood River.

The newlyweds are residing in Florissant, Mo.



Valerie Brinker
and Eric Slover

Brinker-
Slover

Valerie Lynn Brinker, daughter of Lawrence and Delores Brinker of Madison, and Eric Philip Slover, son of Philip and Linda Slover of Granite City, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Brinker, of Madison, is a 1987 graduate of Marquette High School, Alton. She is currently attending Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and is employed by Jewish Hospital of St. Louis in the Admitting Department.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Rosary High School. He is also attending Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and is a member of the Illinois Army National Guard.

The couple is planning an Aug. 14, 1993, wedding at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison.



Christina Rice
and Dennis Morris

Rice - Morris

Christina Marie Rice, daughter of Jimmy and Pamela Rice of Granite City, and Dennis Richard Morris, son of Dennis and Ida Morris of Granite City, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-to-be will be a May 1993 graduate of Granite City High School and is employed by Colonial Care Center of Granite City as a certified nurse's aide.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Granite City High School and is serving in the U.S. Army, stationed in San Antonio, Texas.

The couple is planning an Aug. 28, 1993, wedding at City Temple Assembly of God in Granite City.

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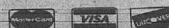
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Diane Rogers and Christopher Vangel
Rogers-Vangel

Diane Lynn Rogers, daughter of Donald and Sharon Rogers of Granite City, and Christopher James Vangel, son of Vasil and Marcella Vangel of Granite City, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-to-be, of Granite City, is a 1986 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1989 graduate of Belleville Area College. She is employed by Dr. Lawrence T. Harmon of Granite City as a medical assistant.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1989 graduate of Ranken Technical College. He is employed by Bob's Tire and Auto Gobble of Swansea as an automotive mechanic.

The couple is planning a June 1993 wedding at Our Lord's Lutheran Church in Collinsville.

Copeland Gobble

Kimberly A. Copeland, daughter of Rick and Sandy Kaiser and Ronald Copeland, of Taylorville, Ill., and Gregory W. Gobble, son of Al and Pat Gobble of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Copeland, of Collinsville, is a 1988 graduate of Taylorville High School and a 1989 graduate of Patricia Stevens College. She is employed with the Illinois Center for Autism in Fairview Heights as a behavior modification specialist.

Gobble, of Granite City, is a 1985 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1989 graduate of Illinois State University with a bachelor of science degree in accounting. He is employed by Edward D. Jones and Co. in Collinsville as an investment representative.

The couple are planning a May 22, 1993, wedding at the First Baptist Church in Maryville.

Divorces

The marriages of several area couples were recently dissolved in the Third Circuit Court in Madison County. They include:

- Gerald E. Leibold Jr., 35, of Granite City, and Lisa R. (Bell) Leibold, 26, of Collinsville, married March 6, 1992.
- Ronald L. Briggs, 35, of Granite City, and Betty A. (McNeal) Briggs, 31, of Edwardsville, married Aug. 1, 1992.
- Richard L. Olsen, 39, of San Bernardino, Calif., and Julie M. (Hitchings) Olsen, 27, of Granite City, married April 22, 1987.
- Robert L. Rains, 35, and Jo Ann (Womack) Rains, 28, both of Granite City, married March 17, 1992.
- Stanley T. Borylske, 25, and Angela F. (Greene) Borylske, 22, both of Granite City, married Dec. 7, 1991.

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40th reunion planned

The 1953 graduating class of Granite City High School will be celebrating its 40th year reunion on July 23-24.

The July 23 function will be a picnic at Wade Rollins Clubhouse from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. July 24 will see the classmates gathered at Sunset Hills Country Club in Edwardsville for a gala Dinner/Dance from 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music will be provided by Johnny Reed and Delmar Studios will be taking photos.

There are a number of classmates the committee has been unable to locate. They would appreciate the whereabouts of the following: Marilyn Crane Hammond, Robert Rollins Edmonds, Robert W. Graham, Eleanor Gregory-Stevens, Shirley Brokaw, Parnley, Leonard Eugene Hornum, Shirley Hubler-Carver, Iva Lee Lindsey, Elizabeth Milkovich-Haug, William Lynn Miller Jr., June Schoenly, Paul Steinberg, Harry William Walker and Lewis Kuhre.

If you can supply information on any of these people, please contact Beverly Bastedo, co-chairperson of the reunion at 931-0192.

Anniversary of 'Music, Music'

Christian Women United is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its "Music, Music" program.

This program brings together choirs, soloists, duets, etc. from churches all over the area.

The program will be at First Presbyterian Church, 21st and Delmar, Granite City, from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$2.50 at the door. Refreshments after program.

The committee is Mae Lee, Nona Corzelius, Mural Kratz, Beradine Holtzcher, and Doris Edwards.

The proceeds will go to the Layette, and Womens/Childrens Ministry.

Social club postpones nomination

The Granite City Senior Social Club voted to postpone the nomination of new officers and board members until the next meeting, to be held on Monday.

President Bernice Mercer opened the club's meeting and welcomed 124 members. Treasurer Gertrude Bosky led the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Treasurer Bosky gave the treasurer's report, which will be filed for audit, and Secretary Helen Lipchik read minutes of the previous meeting.

Sunshine Lady Annabelle Patton reported sending 11 get-well cards and one sympathy card to members for the period Feb. 22 through March 22.

Games of pinocle and bingo were played, and 10 attendance prizes and 20 special prizes were awarded.

Cake and coffee were served.

Travelers Abroad sees USS Connole decommissioning tape

Fifteen members and one guest, Mary White of Madison, attended the Travelers Abroad March dinner meeting at Jerry's Cafeteria.

Dr. Alice Puges, president, welcomed the group and Mary White and Freda Burdorf won the attendance prizes donated by Jerry's.

A moment of silence and meditation was held for their late member, Marguerite Barker, who passed away earlier in the month. The evening's program, originally scheduled for presentation by Barker, was presented by Georgia Engelke, who used the original VCR tape recorded last summer by Miss Barker. The program was entitled, "The Decommissioning of the USS Connole."

Engelke, in her introduction before the tape, remarked that Marguerite Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stille, Ms. Barker, Dorothy Ruff and herself were all in attendance in Newport, R.I., on Aug. 31, for the decommissioning program.

Referring to the Connole Family from Madison, she said that in 1891 Henry Connole, from Ireland, arrived in Madison, served two stints in the U.S. Army, worked at the American Car and Foundry, married his wife, Mary, in 1893, and in 1916 graduated from law school. Two sons were born — David and Paul, the deceased husband of Marguerite Connole.

David graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1936 and

eventually was stationed aboard the USS Trigger, which was lost in battle off the coast of Japan in March 1945.

Later, another ship was again named the Trigger and David's widow christened it.

Still later, through the insistence of a number of naval officers, a new destroyer was named the USS Connole. This is the ship that was decommissioned.

As Barker's video tape was shown, Engelke elaborated on various scenes. During the process of the 115 American naval personnel leaving the ship, the color guard from the USS Constitution stood at attention and did not move at all. After the personnel left the ship, the American Flag was removed.

The former USS Connole became a Greek ship and was renamed "Epirus." The Greek flag was raised and the Greek personnel marched aboard the ship to music supplied by the American naval band.

The differences in the marching styles of the two nations was very evident in the video as the Greeks mightily swung their arms as they marched aboard. During one of the dinner parties before the ceremony, Rick Connole (David's son) was presented with his deceased father's sword, which had been on the destroyer. In his expression of thanks, he remarked that everything was sad at the decommissioning but they were glad the ship was not just going to be put in "mothballs." He said that

since his father saw him only one time, when he was less than six months old, of course he had no recollection of that. He honored his stepfather, who was the only father he could remember, and who was one of the naval officers who worked for the naming of the USS Connole, by

presenting him with his deceased father's flag. This gentleman had been a naval officer for 40 years.

Two pictures from the USS Connole were presented to the Stilles, who accepted them from Old Six Mile Historical Society Museum.

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President Joanna Spencer conducted the meeting, with all officers present. Conductor Vera Johnson presented the flag, Bible and emblem of the home at the altar, with members reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chaplain Ann Pates gave the opening prayer. Secretary Vincine Zerlan read minutes of the previous meeting, and read one new application and one re-enrollment.

Chairmen of several charities gave their reports, and it was voted that \$1.00 is to be donated to the local Special Education Area to be used at their discretion. Nina Jackson is the Jimmie Durante Crippled Children's chairman.

Auxiliary fundraiser portraits will be taken at the Eagles Home from 3 to 5 p.m. on Friday, April 23; from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 24; and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 25. Appointments may be made by calling Joanna Spencer at 451-2716, or Irene Schwierjohn at 797-0066. Pictures will be ready on May 4, 5 and 6, just in time for Mother's Day and Father's Day. The cost is \$5 for a 11 x 14 picture.

Angie Buehler, delegate to the Central Zone Conference recently held at Lincoln, Ill., gave an informative report. One-hundred and six members from different auxiliaries were present.

Get well cards were sent to Helen Meyers and Ginger Staggs by visiting chairman Evelyn Ederle.

A nomination of new officers for the coming year will be held on Tuesday, April 27.

Prizes were awarded to Katie Kostoff and Florence Hagnauer, and desserts and coffee were served at the meeting.

Eagles Auxiliary initiates officers

Auxiliary 1126 held a Valentine's Day potluck dinner at the Eagles Home with 41 members in attendance. A Valentine's game was held and winners were Helen Lipchik and Marilou Wilkinson.

President Joanna Spencer presided over the meeting with all officers present. Members recited the Lord's Prayer and gave the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

An initiation ceremony was held for Debbie Snell by officers as follows: Joanna Spencer, president; Del Delony, junior past president; Barbara Modrusic, vice president; Ann Pates, chaplain; and Vera Johnson, conductor.

Plans were made to attend the State Eagles Association week-end hosted by Shiloh Aerie and Auxiliary on Feb. 13. The Dis-

trict 7 Ritual Team and the newly organized Granite City Auxiliary escort team performed.

Three District 7 Ritual Team members received trophies for having attained perfect scores in ritual competition held at the seven-state Eagles Conference held in Paducah, recently. Winners were Angie Buehler of Granite City, conductor; Kathy Dullea of Shiloh, junior past president; and Eileen Jagla, vice president.

The auxiliary served a Heart Fund Chicken and Dumplings dinner at the Eagles Home on Feb. 21 from noon until 6 p.m. Family portraits will be taken at the Eagles Home on April 24 and 25. Price will be \$5, which includes the picture and the frame. Proceeds will go to the Ways and Means Fund.

HEA membership drive to end; annual meeting set for Monday

The March meeting of the Granite City Unit HEA was opened by the invocation given by Betty Goldasich. This was followed by a luncheon served by the hostesses Betty Weston, Helen Harshany and Ann Konopka.

The pledge to the flag was led by Mary Radick and the Aim was given by Sophia Thomas.

First Vice President Barbara Rodgers thanked the hostesses and introduced Nina Dittman, who along with Barbara, gave the lesson on "Strive for Better Health." They, along with Betty Goldasich, had prepared dishes from the lesson.

President Mary Evelyn Yenko then introduced Arla Ault and Mickey Struck from the Edwardsville office, who spoke

on "Changes to the Country Constitution." They also announced that in the near future there will be a change in the name of the organization.

Roll call was taken and there were 20 members in attendance. Attendance prize was won by Grace Paddock.

Yenko announced that the district meeting on May 3 will be hosted by Creative Women. It will be a bus tour of Anheuser-Busch.

She also announced that the Madison County annual meeting

will be at 9 a.m. April 26 at Eden Church of Christ, Edwardsville.

Helen Harshany and Betty Goldasich had attended the craft meeting in Edwardsville and had several articles to show.

Second Vice President Clella Schrieber talked about the membership drive, which will end on April 30. Yenko announced that Winnie Kelly and Betty Weston will be on the nominating committee of officers for first and second vice presidents and treasurers.

The committee for the Christmas party will be Ann Miller, Sophia Thomas and Florence Stokes.

Starting June 1, the Granite City Unit will be meeting at the Anchorage Recreational Center on East 25th Street. The hostesses for that meeting will be Winnie Kelly, Mary Radick and Grace Paddock. The lesson on "The Garbage Dilemma," will be given by Martha McIlvoy and Adele Wasylak.

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